

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 11-15 are pending. Claim 10 is canceled. No claims are amended or newly added. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Figs. 8, 9, 1, 11, 12A, 12B, and 12C of the background section. Claims 1-9 and 11-15 were allowed.

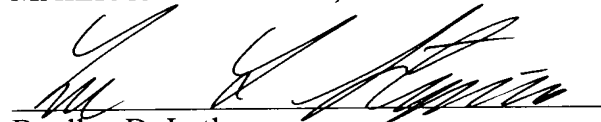
Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-9 and 11-15.

Claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, as only allowed claims are pending, Applicants respectfully submit that no further issues are outstanding in the present application.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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